

1. (Once Amended) Paint composition for formation of corrosion and moisture-resistant paint layer on a surface of a metal sheet, which comprises a base resin and dispersed therein particles of a corrosion inhibitor prepared from porous silica particles to which Ca ion is bonded by ion-exchange, a polyphosphate and optionally other pigment(s).

3. (Once Amended) The paint composition defined in Claim 1, wherein the corrosion inhibitor is porous silica particles to which Ca ion is bonded at a ratio of 3-40 weight %.

8. (Once Amended) A painted metal sheet having a paint layer, which comprises a base resin and dispersed therein particles of a corrosion inhibitor prepared from porous silica particles to which Ca ion is bonded by ion-exchange, a polyphosphate and optionally other pigment(s), formed on a surface of a base metal sheet.

16. (Once Amended) The painted metal sheet defined in Claim 8, wherein the corrosion inhibitor is porous silica particles, to which Ca ion is bonded at a ratio of 3-40 weight %.

#### REMARKS

This Amendment amends independent claims 1 and 8 and dependent claims 3 and 16. Support for all amendments to the claims can be found in the specification as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-20 are pending in this application.

#### 35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections:

Claims 3 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the percent recited. The percent recited, 3-40%, represents 3-40 weight percent as